

1. In bracket 2, insert "should refer to other claims in the alternative only" and/or, "cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim 4."

2. Use this paragraph rather than 35 U.S.C. 112, fifth paragraph.

3. In bracket 3, insert "the claim has or these claims have."

Assume each claim example given below is from a different application.

ACCEPTABLE MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM WORDING

Claim 5. A gadget according to claims 3 or 4, further comprising - --

Claim 5. A gadget as in any one of the preceding claims, in which - --

Claim 3. A gadget as in either claim 1 or claim 2, further comprising - --

Claim 4. A gadget as in claim 2 or 3, further comprising -

Claim 16. A gadget as in claims 1, 7, 12, or 15, further comprising - --

Claim 5. A gadget as in any of the preceding claims, in which - --

Claim 8. A gadget as in one of claims 4 - 7, in which - --

Claim 5. A gadget as in any preceding claim, in which - --

Claim 10. A gadget as in any of claims 1 - 3 or 7 - 9, in which - --

Claim 11. A gadget as in any one of claims 1, 2, or 7 - 10 inclusive, in which - --

UNACCEPTABLE MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM WORDING

A. Claim does not refer back in the alternative only

Claim 5. A gadget according to claim 3 and 4, further comprising - --

Claim 9. A gadget according to claims 1 - 3, in which - --

Claim 9. A gadget as in claims 1 or 2 and 7 or 8, which - --

Claim 6. A gadget as in the preceding claims in which - --

Claim 6. A gadget as in claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and/or 5, in which - --

Claim 10. A gadget as in claims 1 - 3 or 7 - 9, in which - --

B. Claim does not refer to a preceding claim